

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An angle detector 25 detects a rotor angle θ of a DC brushless motor 1 using a current value I_{u_s} detected by a U-phase current sensor 23 and a current value I_{w_s} detected by a W-phase current sensor 24 when high-frequency voltages v_u , v_v , v_w for detecting a rotor angle are applied by a high-frequency adding unit 21. The high-frequency adding unit 21 determines the high-frequency voltages v_u , v_v , v_w so that the direction of rotation of the motor 1 and the direction of a revolving magnetic field generated by the high-frequency voltages v_u , v_v , v_w will be opposite to each other. A three-phase/dq converter 26 converts the current values I_{w_s} , I_{u_s} into a detected d-axis current I_{d_s} and a detected q-axis current I_{q_s} using the rotor angle θ detected by the angle detector 25.